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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2010-N-0588]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Exceptions or Alternatives to Labeling Requirements for Products Held by the Strategic National Stockpile

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Submit written comments (including recommendations) on the collection of information by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be submitted to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review--Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0910-0614. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance. Exceptions or Alternatives to Labeling Requirements for Products Held by the Strategic National Stockpile

OMB Control Number 0910-0614--Extension

Under the Public Health Service Act, the Department of Health and Human Services stockpiles medical products that are essential to the health security of the Nation (see 42 U.S.C. 247d-6b). This collection of medical products for use during national health emergencies, known as the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), is to provide for the emergency health security of the United States, including the emergency health security of children and other vulnerable populations, in the event of a bioterrorist attack or other public health emergency.

It may be appropriate for certain medical products that are or will be held in the SNS to be labeled in a manner that would not comply with certain FDA labeling regulations given their anticipated circumstances of use in an emergency. However, noncompliance with these labeling requirements could render such products misbranded under section 502 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 352).

Under §§ 201.26, 610.68, 801.128, and 809.11 (21 CFR 201.26, 610.68, 801.128, and 809.11), the appropriate FDA Center Director may grant a request for an exception or alternative to certain regulatory provisions pertaining to the labeling of human drugs, biological products, medical devices, and in vitro diagnostics that currently are or will be included in the SNS if

certain criteria are met. The appropriate FDA Center Director may grant an exception or alternative to certain FDA labeling requirements if compliance with these labeling requirements could adversely affect the safety, effectiveness, or availability of products that are or will be included in the SNS. An exception or alternative granted under the regulations may include conditions or safeguards so that the labeling for such products includes appropriate information necessary for the safe and effective use of the product given the product's anticipated circumstances of use. Any grant of an exception or alternative will only apply to the specified lots, batches, or other units of medical products in the request. The appropriate FDA Center Director may also grant an exception or alternative to the labeling provisions specified in the regulations on his or her own initiative.

Under §§ 201.26(b)(1)(i) (human drug products), 610.68(b)(1)(i) (biological products), 801.128(b)(1)(i) (medical devices), and 809.11(b)(1)(i) (in vitro diagnostic products for human use) an SNS official or any entity that manufactures (including labeling, packing, relabeling, or repackaging), distributes, or stores such products that are or will be included in the SNS may submit, with written concurrence from a SNS official, a written request for an exception or alternative to certain labeling requirements to the appropriate FDA Center Director. Except when initiated by an FDA Center Director, a request for an exception or alternative must be in writing and must:

- identify the specified lots, batches, or other units of the affected product;
- identify the specific labeling provisions under the regulations that are the subject of the request;
- explain why compliance with the specified labeling provisions could adversely affect the safety, effectiveness, or availability of the product subject to the request;

- describe any proposed safeguards or conditions that will be implemented so that the labeling of the product includes appropriate information necessary for the safe and effective use of the product given the anticipated circumstances of use of the product;
- provide copies of the proposed labeling of the specified lots, batches, or other units of the affected product that will be subject to the exception or alternative; and
- provide any other information requested by the FDA Center Director in support of the request.

If the request is granted, the manufacturer may need to report to FDA any resulting changes to the new drug application, biologics license application, premarket approval application, or premarket notification (510(k)) in effect, if any. The submission and grant of an exception or an alternative to the labeling requirements specified in the regulations may be used to satisfy certain reporting obligations relating to changes to product applications under §§ 314.70, 601.12, 814.39, or 807.81 (21 CFR 314.70 (human drugs), 601.12 (biological products), 814.39 (medical devices subject to premarket approval), or 807.81 (medical devices subject to 510(k) clearance requirements)). The information collection provisions in §§ 314.70, 601.12, 807.81, and 814.39 have been approved under OMB control numbers 0910-0001, 0910-0338, 0910-0120, and 0910-0231, respectively. On a case-by-case basis, the appropriate FDA Center Director may also determine when an exception or alternative is granted that certain safeguards and conditions are appropriate, such as additional labeling on the SNS products, so that the labeling of such products would include information needed for safe and effective use under the anticipated circumstances of use.

Respondents to this collection of information are entities that manufacture (including labeling, packing, relabeling, or repackaging), distribute or store affected SNS products. Based

on data from fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019, FDA estimates an average of one request annually for an exception or alternative received by FDA. FDA estimates an average of 24 hours preparing each request. The average burden per response for each submission is based on the estimated time that it takes to prepare a supplement to an application, which may be considered similar to a request for an exception or alternative. To the extent that labeling changes not already required by FDA regulations are made in connection with an exception or alternative granted under the regulations, FDA is estimating one occurrence annually in the event FDA would require any additional labeling changes not already covered by FDA regulations. FDA estimates 8 hours to develop and revise the labeling to make such changes. The average burden per response for each submission is based on the estimated time to develop and revise the labeling to make such changes.

In the *Federal Register* of July 2, 2020 (85 FR 39914), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. One comment was received but was not responsive to the four information collection topics solicited and is therefore not addressed in this document.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Table 1.--Estimated Annual Reporting Burden¹

21 CFR Section	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Hours
201.26(b)(1)(i), 610.68(b)(1)(i), 801.128(b)(1)(i), and 809.11(b)(1)(i)	1	1	1	24	24
201.26(b)(1)(i), 610.68(b)(1)(i), 801.128(b)(1)(i), and 809.11(b)(1)(i)	1	1	1	8	8
Total					32

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Consistent with the PRA, our current estimate of the burden of the information collection is based on our evaluation over the past 3 years. However, in light of recent consumption of

products from the SNS, we expect future adjustments may be necessary and invite specific comment in this regard.

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